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TITLE AND OBJECT.

The Institution shall be denominated the Scientific Society. Its object will be:—

1 To translate into such languages as may be in common use among the people those works on arts and sciences, which being in English or other European languages are not intelligible to the Natives.

2 To search for and publish rare and valuable oriental works. No religious work will come under the notice of the Society.

LOCATION.

2 The permanent Location of the Society shall ultimately be fixed at Allahabad. But until the Society be thoroughly set a going, it shall be wherever P. S. Ameen Syud Ahmud Khan be stationed.

CONSTITUTION.

3 The Society shall consist, 1st, of Subscribing Members, 2ndly, of Honorary Members, and 3rdly, of Associates.

4 The Subscribing Members shall be subdivided into two Classes, 1st, Ordinary Members who shall be such persons as reside at or near to the place where the Society holds its Meetings; 2ndly, Corresponding Members who shall be persons that dwell too far from where the Meetings are held to enable them to attend, and who may communicate with the Society by letter.

5 The number of Ordinary and Corresponding Members shall be unlimited.

6 The number of Honorary Members shall not exceed ten, and that of Associates five. The present Directors of Public Instruction of Bengal, of the N. W. Provinces, of the Central India, of Oudh, and of the Punjaub, shall, if they agree, be Honorary Members.

7 Persons of all nations shall be eligible as Members of the Society.

MEMBERS.

Subscribing Members.

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8 All those who have intimated their intentions to become Members of the Society prior to or on the first day on which the Society meets, shall be considered as Subscribing Members of the Society.

9 In future every Candidate for admission as a Member, shall be proposed by one and seconded by another Member. The proposal shall be laid before the Meeting of the Society, and the person proposed balloted for; and to constitute a valid election not less than 6 Members must be present, and the election will be decided by the Majority. The President shall have the right of giving a casting vote.

10 Every Member shall be at liberty to ask the Society to postpone the election of a Candidate to the next Meeting of the Society.

11 Persons elected as Members shall receive immediate notice of their election from the Secretary, together with a Copy

of Bye-laws of the Society, which shall thenceforward be binding on them.

12 Every Subscribing Member shall have immediately to advance his subscription of two rupees per mensem from the first day of the month in which he is elected to the end of that year; and thereafter his subscription shall be payable in advance in January for each year. Donations in property or money will be gratefully received by the Society.

13 All European Members shall pay their subscriptions during residence in India; and shall on their return be called upon to pay as usual from the first day of the month in which they return.

14 Every Member shall be called upon on the commencement of a new year to advance his subscription for it; and in the event of non payment a reminder shall be sent on 1st April and 1st July. Should he fail to pay prior to 1st October, his name shall be sruck off the List of Members, and the same shall be notified in the proceedings of the Society.

15 Members who are in arrears shall not be permitted to vote on any matter connected with the Society.

16 No Member shall be entitled to any privilege whatever until he has advanced his subscription.

17 All Members of the Society shall be entitled to the following rights and privileges.

1. To be present and vote at all General Meetings.
2. To propose Candidates for admission into the Society.
3. To introduce visitors at the Ordinary General Meetings.
4. To have personal access to the office and Library of the

Society ; and there to examine the printed books and manuscripts belonging to the Society. They shall also have the privilege of taking out the Books &c. in the Library, subject to such rules as the Executive Council of the Society may frame.

5. To receive gratis one Copy of every book printed ; and of every Proceeding of the Society.

6. To receive other Copies, on application, at prices fixed by the Executive Council.

18. Any Member may withdraw from the Society by signifying his wish to do so by letter addressed to the Secretary, but he shall have to pay the full subscription for that year ; and shall continue liable for his Subscription until he shall have discharged all sums due from him to the Society, or shall have returned all books or other property borrowed by him from the Society ; or shall have made full compensation for the same, if lost or impaired.

19 A Member who may have resigned shall be able to reenter the Society and to withdraw his letter of resignation on paying the amount of subscription without going through the forms of reelection ; provided such notice of withdrawal be given within one year from the day on which the resignation may have been notified.

20 If any Member shall disobey the Rules or orders of the Society or its Executive Council, or shall be guilty of any misconduct at any of the General Meetings, he shall be liable to removal from the Society.

21 Whenever there shall appear cause for the removal of a Member from the Society, the subject shall be laid before the Executive Council ; and if the Council, shall after due deliberation

determine by a majority to propose to the Society the removal of the said Member, the President shall, at any Ordinary General Meeting of the Society, announce from the chair such determination of the Executive Council, and at the meeting next after that at which the said announcement has been made, the proposal shall be put to the vote, and the question settled by majority, provided that there be not less than 7 Members present.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

22 Every Member living at a distance from the Location of the Society, and thus unable to attend their Meetings, shall have the privilege of corrsponding with the Society.

23 Members who correspond with the Society, shall prepay or stamp the letters or packets they address to the Society. Their communications shall be replied to at the expense of the Society, if their subject be connected with the affairs or welfare of the Society and not otherwise. And if the Society itself corresponds with any Member on its own concerns, it shall defray the expenses on both sides.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

24 Honorary Members shall be persons eminent for their knowledge of, or encouragement given by them to, science or literature, or for services rendered to the Society ; and who either have no means of paying the Subscription, or who be not required by the laws of the Society to pay it.

25 When the number of Honorary Members shall not be complete, the Executive Council shall have power to recommend a Candidate (stating his claims to such distinction) who shall be balloted for like other Members, and the Majority shall determine his election.

26 Honorary Members shall be exempt from payment of subscription, though it shall be at their option to present to the Society donations of property or money.

27 Honorary Members shall also be entitled to all the privileges and rights of other Members, and shall be liable to removal from the Society in the same manner as other Members.

ASSOCIATES.

28 Associates of the Society shall be persons welknown for their literary and scientific attainments, but who are not likely to apply to become Members.

29 Associates shall be proposed by the Executive Council. and balloted for in the Meetings of the Society like other Members, The votes of the Majority to be decisive.

30 Associates shall have the same privileges and rights as other Members of the Society, but shall have no power to vote on any matter connected with the Society, or to hold any office thereof. They shall be liable to removal in the same manner as other Members.

MEETINGS.

General Meetings.

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31 No Meeting of the Members shall be competent to enter on any business unless five or more Members be present.

32 The President shall be the Chairman at all General Meetings, or in case of his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, or in case of their absence, the Senior Member, who shall for the

time being, have all the authority, privilege, and power of the President.

33 The ordinary methods of voting shall be by show of hands, but a ballot shall be taken when demanded by any Member present.

34 The decision of the majority of Members voting at a Meeting, shall be considered as the decision of such Meeting; but the Society shall be at liberty to ask all the absent Members to give their judgments on any matters, except cases prescribed by the Rules. The Society shall defray the expenses to be incurred in obtaining such judgments, under Section 23. All despatches and letters connected with such matters shall be addressed by and to the Secretary .

35 When the votes on either side shall be equal, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

36 Notices of motion shall be given on questions submitted to the Society at a General Meeting preceding that on which the subject is to be disposed of, except in matters of current business and routine; and if any question shall arise whether the subject of a particular motion is such matter, the question shall be determined by the Chairman.

37 All proposals affecting expenditure, election, appointment or removal of officers and servants, changes of organization, and generally all questions of importance shall be first duly notified at a General Meeting, then referred to the Executive Council for report, and finally decided (after such report shall have been submitted) at the Annual General Meeting or at a special Meeting convened for the purpose, at which not less than 7 Mem-

bers must be present. If the proposal be to amend or alter the Rules, the Society shall, under Sec. 34, call on all the Members for their opinion on the same.

38 Every Member shall have the right of recording his protest against the decision of the Majority upon any questions submitted to the Society.

39 The General Meetings to be held by the Society shall be of three kinds, 1st, Annual, 2ndly, Ordinary, and, 3dly, Special.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

40 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in January for the election of Councils and officers for the ensuing year, and to receive and to hear read the annual Report on the Financial and general concerns of the Society, and for the transaction of any other business of which due notice has been given.

41 At least 15 days before the Annual Meeting of the Society, notice of it shall be given to those Members who may reasonably be expected to be present at it.

42 Every Member present at such Meeting shall be at liberty to furnish to the Chairman a list of the names of such persons as he may deem eligible to the post of Members of Councils and Office-bearers.

43 The Executive Council for the time being, shall before the day of election, cause to be prepared a sufficient number of printed balloting lists, according to the form in Appendix, which shall contain the names of the persons whom they recommend to be appointed Members of Councils and officers for the year ensuing, with blank columns in which to place other names.

44 The Chairman shall appoint two examiners to examine the lists and report their result to the Meeting.

45 If any list shall contain more than the proper number of names, or if any list should include the name of any person who is not eligible to the Councils, such list shall be deemed void, and not taken into account by the examiners.

46 In case there shall be an equal number of votes for the election into the Councils or to any of the respective offices of two or more persons, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

47 Ordinary General Meeting shall be held once a quarter, and due notice of each Meeting shall be given by the Secretary to all resident Members, and, on application, to any out-station Member.

48 At the Ordinary General Meeting the order of business shall be as follows.

1 The ready portions of works under translation and print shall be submitted to the Members present, who shall judge as to the proper amount and neatness of the work done, and record their opinions jointly or separately. These opinions shall then be referred to the Executive Council, who in case of any dissatisfaction being therein expressed shall take such measures as shall obviate the same, and report the result at the next Meeting.

2 The Extracts of all communications from Members addressed to the Society shall be submitted by the Secretary to the Meeting ; and every Member either jointly with others or separately shall give his opinion on the same, which shall then be considered by the Executive Council, and reported on at the next Meeting.

3 The original communication from a Corresponding Member shall, if requested by any Member present, be read.

4 The Presents made to the Society since their last Meeting, shall be announced and exhibited.

5. Proposals of Candidates for admission into the Society shall be submitted and ballots taken as before provided.

6. Motions of which notice was given at the last Meeting, shall be brought forward and disposed of.

7. Notice of intended motions shall be given for entry in the Proceedings of the Meeting.

8. The report and letters from the Executive Council shall be submitted for consideration of the Meeting, and a short account of the last quarterly operations of the Society and of its present condition shall be read.

9. Letters from any quarter and on any subject addressed to the Society shall be read.

10. A short detail of receipts and disbursements of the Society for the last quarter, shall be laid before the Meeting.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

49 Special General Meetings of the Society shall be held from time to time, as occasion may require, for the purpose of taking into consideration special matters relating to the business of the Society.

50 Special General Meetings may be convened by the Executive Council, or on any requisition to that effect to the President, signed by at least 7 Members of the Society. The day for the Meeting to assemble shall be appointed by the Executive Council.

51 No other business than that for which the Meeting may be convened, shall be discussed at such Meeting.

52 No stranger shall be permitted to be present at a Special Meeting of the Society.

53 The Proceedings of every Meeting shall be recorded in English and Urdu, and after the breaking up of the Meeting, the Secretary shall, as soon as possible, arrange them for examination and inspection of the President. The Proceedings shall then be printed in English and Urdu, and distributed to all the Members.

54 If any Member advances any objection against any of the Proceedings of a Meeting, it shall be discussed at a next Meeting.

55 Two Councils shall be formed for the despatch of the business of the Society, one a Directing Council, and the other an Executive Council.

DIRECTING COUNCIL.

56 This Council shall be formed for the purpose of discharging the following duties, and the determination of which shall solely depend on this Council.

1 To determine the books to be translated, edited, and published.

2 To approve or disapprove of the Translations rendered.

3 To decide whether the books to be translated be translated into Urdu, Persian, Arabic, and Hindee, or any one or more of these languages.

4. To limit or fix the number of copies of a Book to be printed.

57. This Council shall consist of not less than 7 or more than 15 Members. The Directors of Public Instruction in India shall in virtue of their office be such Members, if they consent; and they shall not be included in the above number. The President of the Society to have a casting vote.

58 The Members of this Council shall be selected from the Honorary and Subscribing Members of the Society; and the President shall be a Member of this Council.

59 The first election of the Members of this Council, shall be made by a General Meeting by the usual method of balloting. Their future election shall take place in the manner as prescribed in Section 43.

60 Members who are elected to this Council shall be duly informed of their election by the Secretary.

61 The Executive Council shall inform the Members concerned of the channel through which their opinions on a certain subject are required.

62 If the opinions of the Members on a subject vary, the Majority of them agreeing shall be held decisive. Such Majority shall be determined by the Persident.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

63 11 of the Honorary and Subscribing Members shall be chosen to constitute this Council, of whom one will be President, one or two Vice-Presidents, and two Secretaries.

64 One Member shall not hold more than one of these offices— President, Vice-President, and Secretaries.

65 The Members of this Council shall be elected in the same manner as those of the Directing Council described in Sec. 69.

66 There shall be two Meetings of this Council, General and Special Meetings.

67 In a General Meeting of this Council there should always be at least 4 Members and one Secretary present.

68 A Special Meeting of this Council shall include a President, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, or in their absence, Senior Member who shall be the Chairman.

69 The General Meeting of this Council shall meet once every month, to attend to the following business.

1 To Superintend the duties of Officers and Servants of the Society.

2 To examine whether an adequate amount of work has been performed during the last month, and whether the Translations are being rendered to the satisfaction of the Society.

3 To observe whether the Proof Sheets of books under print submitted to them are well done.

4 To inspect the Records and Accounts of the Society, and to judge of their being properly kept.

5 To examine the Library of the Society to see whether books are well preserved.

6 To issue proper orders for the execution of all the above-mentioned affairs of the Society.

70 The Special Meeting of this Council shall be held, when an affair of importance may require it. The day on which such Meeting may be convened shall be brought to the notice of the Members by the Secretary.

71 The ordinary method of voting shall be by show of hands, but a ballot shall be taken in cases prescribed by

Rules of this Council, or when demanded by any Member present; and the decision of the Majority shall be considered the decision of the Meeting; in case of equality of votes the Chairman shall give a second or casting vote.

72 The voting on any question except it be one of adjournment, shall on the demand of any Member present be postponed to the next Meeting of the Council, when the question shall be disposed of.

73 Minutes of the Proceedings of every Meeting of this Council shall be taken during their progress by one of the Secretaries or by some Member present, whom the Chairman shall appoint for the occasion. The minutes shall afterwards be copied in a Minute Book, and signed by the Chairman.

74 All letters, notices, minutes of Members and other documents connected with the business of the Society shall be filed in the order of their dates, and preserved.

75 The government of the Society, the direction, management and execution of its concerns, shall be entrusted to this Council, subject to no other restrictions than are or may be imposed by the Rules, and to no other interference than may arise from the decision of the Members assembled in General Meetings.

76 This Council may from time to time make such regulations, and issue such orders not inconsistent with the Bye-laws as shall appear to them conducive to the good government of the Society and to the proper management of its concerns; and such regulations and orders shall be binding on all the Members, officers and servants of the Society; provided that all such regulations shall be reported for the information of the Society at the next General Meeting, and be subject to its confirmation.

77 This Council may appoint persons not Members of the Society, to be salaried Officers, Clerks, or Servants for carrying on the necessary concerns of the Society; and may define the duties to be performed by them respectively; and may allow to them respectively such salaries, gratuities, and privileges as the Council may deem proper, and may suspend any officer, clerk, or servant from office, whenever there shall seem to them occasion; provided always that such appointment, allowance or suspension shall be reported to the next General Meeting of the Members to be confirmed or annulled, as may be decided by such Meeting.

78 This Council may exchange or otherwise dispose of those books printed belonging to the Society which may be in excess of those in their Library, in such manner as may best conduce to advance the objects and interests of the Society.

79 This Council shall present and cause to be read to the Annual Meeting, a report on the general concerns of the Society. The Report shall state the income and expenditure and disbursements, the balance in hand, the debts and assets, and the increase or decrease of the Society during the past year; it shall also specify the average monthly income and expenditure, and give an estimate in detail of the probable income and expenditure for the current year. The report shall also set forth the state of the Library.

80 The Council shall submit to the Annual General Meeting in every year lists of such persons as they shall consider most fit to be Members of the Council, and officers for the ensuing year.

PRESIDENT.

81 The business of the President shall be to preside at all the Meetings of the Society, and regulate all the proceedings; and generally to execute or see to the execution of the Rules and orders of the Society.

SECRETARIES.

82 It shall be the duty of the Secretaries :—

1 To conduct the correspondence of the Society and Councils: and to sign all letters and papers emanating from the Society.

2 To attend the General Meetings of the Members, and Meetings of the Councils : to take minutes of the proceedings of such Meetings during their progress.

3 At the General Meeting of the Members, to announce the presents made to the Society since their last Meeting : to read the names of Candidates proposed for admission into the Society, and the original papers communicated to the Society and the letters addressed to it.

4 To see that all the proceedings whether of the Society, or of the Council, are enterred in the Minute Books before the following Meeting shall be holden, and to see that all letters and papers and documents of every kind connected with the business of the Society, are properly filed and preserved.

5 To edit the Journal and Proceedings of the Society.

6 To exercise a general supervision over the servants and affairs of the Society, and to see that the Rules and orders of the Society and Council are executed.

83 The Secretaries, if more than one, shall, by mutual agreement divide between them the duties above enumerated,

and shall communicate to the first Meeting of the Society to be holden after the day of the Annual election, which of those duties thay have each undertaken to perform.

84 No Member of the Society is or shall be capable of holding any place, office, or appointment under the Society, to which any salary, profit, or emolument, is or shall be annexed.

TREASURER AND THE ACCOUNTS.

85 After removal of the Society to its fixed location viz Allahabad, its funds shall be lodged in the Bank of Bengal. Until that time they shall be lodged with a trustworthy Mahajan, to be proposed by the Executive Council, and approved of at the General Meeting of Members of the Society.

86 All requisitions for money due to the Society and all receipts for money received, shall receive the signature of the Secretary.

87 All receipts and assets shall be deposited with the Treasurer who shall in a book kept for the purpose acknowledge the same by his signature.

88 Sums sanctioned by the Annual Meeting of the Society, shall be paid through the Secretary who will furnish receipts for all sums recieved from the Treasurer. All other sums requried shall first be laid before the General Meeting by the Executive Council for sanction.

89 Accounts shall be kept of all disbursements and reciepts or assets of the Society.

90 At the end of every year tha Executive Council, with the sanction of the President, shall appoint two persons not

being Members of the Society to examine and audit the accounts of the Society, and to report the result to the Society.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

91 12 copies of each Publication of the Society shall be lodged in the Library, and one distributed gratis to every Member; the rest to be disposed of by the Executive Council under the rules prescribed.

LIBRARY.

92 The Books which the Society procures by purchase, or by presents made to them, and the 12 copies of each Publication as above specified shall compose the Library of the Society.

Concurred in and sanctioned by the Members assembled in the First Meeting of the Society held on the 9th January 1864.

B. SAPTE

CHAIRMAN.

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APPENDIX.

(No. 1)

Balloting List for the election of the Councils.

Scientific Society.

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Balloting List for the election of the Councils.

Present Councils	Proposed new Councils	
Directing Council		
Executive Council		

If you wish to substitute any other name, in place of that proposed, erase the printed name in the second column, and write opposite to it in the third, that which you wish to substitute.

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(NO. 2)

Balloting List for the election of officers.

Scientific Society.

January, 183

Balloting List for the election of officers out of newly Elected Councils.

Present Officers	Officers proposed	
President		
Vice-Presidents		
Secretaries		

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